

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0511/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: The Commission's proposal to include recreational angling within the regulatory scope of the Common Fisheries Policy

With regard to Article 47 of Commission document COM(2008)0721 on establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy (repealing Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93<sup>1</sup> and (EC) No 1627/94<sup>2</sup>):

- what has been the nature and extent of the Commission's consultations with regard to this article of the draft legislation? Specifically, what organisations representing sea anglers' interests were consulted?
- on what evidence does the Commission base its assertion (as set out in the justification for the legislation) that 'recreational fisheries have an increasing influence on fish stocks and the marine environment'?
- to what extent will sea anglers be expected to pay for the bureaucracy and other costs associated with this measure?
- which Member States have committed the most breaches of the rules of the CFP in the past three years? What is the total of outstanding fines relating to these breaches?
- to what extent does the Commission seek to apply to this article the principle, as established by the European Court of Justice in September 2005, that the EU has the right to insist that breaches of EU legislation are subject to criminal penalties in the Member States?

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<sup>1</sup> JO L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1

<sup>2</sup> JO L 171, 6.7.1994, p. 7